

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, September 7, 1891.
Hon. John McDonald, mayor, presiding.

(Roll Call.) Present - Aldermen Anderson, Carlton Glass,
Jackson, Linn, Morris, Neutens, Nitschke, North, Phillips,
Pett, Schneider, Schulz, Suter, Townsend, Wingfield, Ziller - 17.
Absent - Aldermen Altmann, Graham, Hume, Ketchum, Weyerman - 5.
Alderman Linn moved that the Council take a recess of ten minutes
to allow the City Clerk time in which to complete the preparation of
the approved accounts ordinance.

Alderman Anderson moved as a Substitute that Mr Neil McEachin
be requested to relieve the City Clerk until he completes the preparation
of the approved accounts ordinance. The substitute was accepted
and adopted.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council which were held on
the 17th, 22d, and 25th days of August, 1891, were adopted as printed.
Aldermen Weyerman, Ketchum and Hume entered the Council and answered to
their names.

Reports of Officers for the month of August, 1891:

By the City Clerk: Statement of Warrants issued against the general fund:
Total \$11.153.42. Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk: Statement of Warrants issued against the Water works
and Electric Light Fund: Total \$17.854.01. Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Assessor and Collector. amount Collected \$17.351.89.
Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal: Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder's
Court \$670.

Collected in Cash \$258.75

Written Out 234.25

Escaped 66.00

Remitted 15.00

Carried Forward 96.00

670.00

Back fines collected \$ 64.35.

Fund fees 62.05.

Chests made, 17.

Referred to the Police Committee.

By the City Physician:

Number of Patients in hospital August, 1	7
" " " admitted to " in "	17
" " " discharged from " "	9
" " " death in " "	3
" " patients remaining in " September, 1	12
" " visits made to patients in August	78
" " admissions for " "	156
" " cases of diphteria reported in "	1

Health of the City is still in a very good

referred to the Hospital Committee.

By the City Doctor:

Watch Number of deaths 15.

White 16.

Colored 5.

Mexican 2.

(Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

By the City Treasurer - from August 3 to September 7, 1891, - general fund:

Balance on hand August 3, \$1,998.57

Receipts to September 7, $\frac{13}{13} 114.73$

$\frac{15}{15} 108.10$

Disbursements to September 7, \$6,917.17

Balances Dept. 7:

General fund	\$ 7,992.93
City Cemetery "	$\frac{198.00}{198.00}$
Total	\$ 15,108.10

(Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from August 3, to September 7, 1891, Interest and sinking fund:

Balances August 3:-

Interest Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Sinking Fund	4,146.69
Receipts to September 7	3,260.18
	$\frac{12,406.87}{12,406.87}$

Balances September 7:-

Interest Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Sinking Fund	$\frac{7,406.87}{7,406.87}$

$\frac{12,406.87}{12,406.87}$

(Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from August 3, to September 7, 1891, Waterworks and Electric light fund:

Balance August 3	\$ 221,920.29
Disbursements to September 7,	$\frac{18,593.59}{18,593.59}$
Balance September 7,	\$ 211,326.70

(Referred to Finance Committee.

Petitions, memorials, etc.

By Alderman Linn - Petition from S. Shephard asking the city to pay \$250 for Jersey Cow which was placed in the pound and made her escape by jumping the fence. In the jump a blood vessel was ruptured, from the effect of which she died.

(Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Alderman Anderson - Claim of Jeremiah Sheehan, for \$12.00 amount of damages done to stone and iron around his residence. Referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Giller was excused.

The Dam.

Report of Chief Engineer Trigell for the month of August concerning the construction of the dam was presented and ordered filed.

The following message from the Mayor accompanied the report:

Mayors Office, Madison, Sept. 7, 1891.
Resolution of the City Council:

Ranking you the report of the Chief Engineer J. P. Trigell, for August,

which has been referred to your honorable body by the Board of Public Works, I submit the following additional information, believing it will be of interest to you:

The laying of masonry in the dam commenced in the first week of May, and we find from the estimate that 1086 cubic yards were laid during said month, and 1537 cubic yards were laid during the month of June, 3058 cubic yards during the month of July, and in August 3645 cubic yards were laid, which shows that the quantity of masonry laid increased each month as the work increased in dimensions, and it is reasonable to suppose that it will continue to increase, it being the intention of the Contractor to greatly increase the working force in a very short time.

The estimated quantity of masonry yet required to complete the dam is something less than 80,000 cubic yards.

3645 cubic yards were put in place last month, and if the same progress only is continued it will take twenty-one months to finish the work.

The Contractor is now using from 75 to 80 barrels of Portland Cement and laying 220 cubic yards of masonry per day, and will probably put in place at least 6000 cubic yards during the present month, and will without doubt have the entire dam completed in fifteen months, as per Contract with the City.

I have been on the work from one to three hours every day during the last month and the work is clearly looked after, and we are getting good substantial and satisfactory work.

Respectfully,

John Mc Donald,
mayor.

Arthur Mays.

A petition from citizens was presented, asking that the hide business of Arthur Mays, on Congress Avenue, be removed, because, it is alleged by petitioners, it is a nuisance. It was referred to the Committee on Sanitation and Sewerage.

By Alderman Jackson - A proposal from J. Cummings, offering to extend Rainey Street through his land, a distance of near 1000 feet, to the Colorado river, provided the city will so grade the street as to make it possible. Referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Glass - Petition of citizens to have 138 feet of an alley that runs East and West through block 36, opened. Referred to the Street Committee.

New Business.

By Alderman Weyerman - "An Ordinance for the prevention of cruelty to animals". It was read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Fire Department.

A report was received from August Ziller, Chief of Austin fire department, suggesting that the two fire Engines, owned by the city, be repaired, and that they be kept so by a competent person; that the Electric light Company be required, by ordinance, to detail an expert from their office to report at all fires prepared to cut all wires under the orders of the chief of the fire department, that the Council take steps to prevent false fire alarms. Referred to the fire Committee.

Reports of Committees.

J. Cummings.

Alley in Block 36.

Cruelty to animals.

J. W. W.

By Alderman Giller - for the Committee on Cemetery, to whom was referred the matter of advertising for bids for conveying the remains of paupers to the City Cemetery and Highland Park Cemetery, submitted a report stating that two bids were received and recommending the acceptance of the one made by Monroe Miller. The report was adopted.

By Alderman Jackson, for the Committee on Sanitation and Beverage, to whom was referred "An Ordinance declaring it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to haul Slops and other offensive matter through the streets of the City in day time," submitted a report, recommending the passage of the Ordinance. The report was laid over, to be taken up with the Ordinance named therein.

Alderman North, for the Committee on Purchases, submitted a report, stating "that they have awarded the bids for feed for city teams and for city blacksmithing for the quarter ending November 30, 1891, to C. J. Martin and John Valdez, respectively. We recommend that these awards be confirmed by the City Council." The report was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to refund to delinquent tax-payers of 1890 Certain Costs therein named," was taken up on its second reading and read, after which a motion was made to Suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read, and a motion passed.

New Business.

The following Ordinances were introduced:

\$ 768¹² for R.R. to S.A.M. By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of seven hundred and sixty-eight and 10-100 dollars for the purpose of paying for material furnished and labor performed on the railroad leading to the site of the dam.

It was read the first time, after which motions were made to Suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was then duly read by Captain, after which a motion was made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was adopted by the following Vote: Aye - Aldermen Anderson, Corleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield - 16.

Nay - Aldermen Kitechke, Schneider - 2.

By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of twenty thousand five hundred and sixty-four dollars for the purpose of paying Estimate No. 10 in favor of Bernard Corrigan for material furnished and labor performed on the dam for the City of Austin, under contract with the City of Austin, dated November 7, 1890. It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, both of which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole

Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yea - Alderman Anderson,
Carlton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris,
Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber,
Unter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield - 19.

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance, declaring it a misdemeanor for any person to haul Swill, Slope or other offensive matter through the Streets of the City of Austin between the hours of — o'clock a.m. and — o'clock p.m., and providing a punishment for its violation, was taken up on its second reading and read.

Alderman Phillips moved to amend the caption of the Ordinance by inserting in the first blank the word "nine" and the second blank by inserting the word "five".

The amendment prevailed.

Alderman North then moved to amend Section 1 by striking out the words "Six" and "nine" and inserting in lieu of the word "Six" the word "nine", and instead of the word "nine" the word "five", so as to make the Section conform to the caption. The amendment was adopted.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Yea - Alderman Anderson, Linn, Newton, ~~Nitschke~~,
Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend - 8.

Nay - Aldermen Carlton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, ~~Shaffer~~,
Morris, North, Platt, Unter, Weyerman, Wingfield - 11.

New Business.

The following Ordinances were introduced:

\$13.75 to pay Myrick Coms. + Exch.
By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of thirteen and $\frac{7}{10}$ dollars for the purpose of paying J. S. Myrick, City Treasurer, for Commissions and Exchange paid on account of the payment of interest on the water works and electric light bonds. It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read and no motion passed.

By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying Interest on the \$100 Water works and Electric light bonds from June 30, 1891, to October 1, 1891. It was read the first time, and no motion passed to its second and third readings by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read.

Alderman North, by unanimous consent, moved to amend Section 1 of the Ordinance by striking out the words "and sinking". The amendment prevailed.

A motion was then made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yea - Alderman Carlton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, ~~Shaffer~~, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider,

Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Kingfield - 19.
Alderman Assmann entered the Council and answered to his name.

By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1812.81 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which prevailed by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was duly read and on motion passed by the following vote: Yea - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carlton, Glass, Stume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Kingfield - 19.

By Alderman Morris - An Ordinance to amend Article 24 of Chapter 5 of title II of the revised Penal Ordinances of the City of Clinton. The object of the Ordinance is to prevent the beating of a drum, etc., so as to disturb the peace of others. It was read the first time and on motion passed to its second and third readings by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. It was accordingly read and on motion passed.

By Alderman Morris - An Ordinance to prevent electioneering with voters within one hundred yards of the polls on the day of any election. It was read the first time, after which Alderman Morris moved to refer the Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee and that it be printed in full in the minutes of the City Council.

Alderman Platt moved as a substitute that the Ordinance be laid on the table, which was lost by the following vote: Yea - Aldermen Assmann, Glass, Ketchum, Linn, Newton, Nitschke, Platt, Schuber, Kingfield - 9. Nays - Aldermen Anderson, Carlton, Stume, Jackson, Morris, North, Phillips, Schneider, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman - 11. The motion having recurred upon the adoption of the motion made by Alderman Morris the same was put and Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.